

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*'Fervent in the fellowship of the Gospel'*



### The Gathering

#### THE GREETING

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### A HYMN may be sung

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Phil. 4:4-7)

#### PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
in our time together now, help us to celebrate your love,  
learn from your truth, trust in your grace and grow strong in your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### PENITENCE

Jesus' Summary of the Law  
(Mark 12:29-31)

The first commandment is:  
'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us confess to God our failure truly to serve him and our neighbour.

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The GLORIA, the VENITE, a SONG or RESPONSES may be used

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... (silent prayer)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

*(After the reading)*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the reading)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Let us affirm our faith in God:**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(from Eph. 3)

## The Prayers

### INTERCESSIONS

(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)

We bring to you, Father God, the needs of all people, for whose salvation you sent your Son Jesus Christ:

We pray for our Queen and government, and the leaders of the nations ...

We think of people divided by national enmity, religious intolerance, or racial prejudice ...

Lord Jesus, where there is hatred,  
**let me sow love.**

We pray for husbands and wives, parents and children, employers and employees ...

We think of families, communities and work places where relationships have broken down ...

Lord Jesus, where there is injury,  
**let me sow pardon.**

We pray for bishop Libby, for all who teach the Christian faith, and for the life of our church ... We think of those whose faith is being sorely tested ...

Lord Jesus, where there is doubt,  
**let me sow faith.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died ...

We think of all who are overshadowed by loss or loneliness ...

We pray for all in need ...

We pray for their families and friends, doctors, nurses and carers.

Lord Jesus, where there is despair,  
**let me give hope.**

We think of ourselves, our self-centredness, our faltering attempts to serve you ...

Lord Jesus,  
**make us channels of your peace  
and witnesses of your Kingdom. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**A HYMN may be sung**

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.** (Rom. 15:13)

**THE BLESSING or THE GRACE is said**